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NEW FRENCH OFFENSIVE AGAINST VIET-NAMESE

STIFF FIGHTING SOUTH OF HANOI

NATIONALISTS MAINTAIN PRESSURE IN HUE

GEN. LECLERC FLIES TO BATTLEFIELD

PARIS, Tuesday. FRENCH air and ground forces led by dive bombing Spitfires launched an attack on Viet-Nam (nationalist) forces concentrated south of Hanoi at dawn yesterday, according to dispatches received from Indo-China today.

The main objects of the attack were nests of resistance which shelled Hanoi heavily on Sunday night, causing material damage in the centre of the city near the Governor-General's palace. Stiff fighting continued south of Hanoi in Annam province. Nationalist troops maintained their pressure in the coastal town of Hue where the French garrison has been beleaguered since hostilities began two weeks ago.

French Army Headquarters have received no news of the garrison at Vinh, further up the coast, which was authorised to surrender last week "to avoid massacre of the French population."

General Leclerc, who has been sent by the French Government on a special tour of inspection of Northern French Indo-China, left Saigon by air today for Hanoi, Capital of Tongkin Province.

The French General Staff at Hanoi today issued the following communique. "At Hanoi mopping up operations by French troops around the main railway station are going on favourably, several counter-attacks having been checked. "At Phulang Tuong, a small French garrison has withdrawn towards Minh, it not being needed at Phulang Tuong any longer."

In Paris, the Communist newspaper "Humanite" today bitterly criticised the French Minister for Colonies (M. Marius Moutet) who arrived in Indo-China last week to investigate the situation and report to the French Government.

"We ask why he is engaged in a pleasure tour of Cambodia losing in (Continued on back page, Col. 6)

No Future Recommendations For Titles

SAARBRUCKEN, Tuesday. A COMMUNIQUE says: In view of the attitude of major political parties in India to honours and titles, H.E. the Viceroy has had informal discussions with members of Interim Government and it was decided that, with the exceptions mentioned below, no recommendations in favour of Indians from British India should in future be submitted to His Majesty the King.

Awards for gallantry and of the Order of British India will continue to be made to Indian personnel of the Armed Forces. In suitable cases awards for gallantry will be made to civilians. Awards of the King's Police and Fire Services Medal and the Indian Police Medal will continue. For humanitarian services the Kaiser-i-Hind Medals will be awarded as before. In future no Indian titles will be conferred by H.E. the Viceroy upon Indians in British India whether military or civilian.—API.

4 Afghan Officers Killed In Ghazni Aircrash

PESHAWAR, Tuesday. FOUR officers of the Afghan Air Force are reported to have been killed as a result of an air crash in Shish valley in Ghazni area, according to a message received here from Kabul.

The bodies of the four officers were brought to Kabul where their funeral was attended by Afghan Ministers and high Afghan civil and military officials.—API.

NEW YEAR HONOURS FOR BEGUM OF RAMPUR AND LADY WYLIE

THE New Year's Day Honours List published today comprises mainly of officials. Prominent among the non-official recipients of the titles are the Raja of Jamkhandi who gets K. B.E. and Her highness Nawab Rafat Zamani Begum of Rampur, who gets the Kaiser-i-Hind Gold Medal. Her Excellency Lady Wylie has also been awarded the Kaiser-i-Hind Gold Medal.

C. S. I.

Stewart Ellis Lawrence West, C.I.E., O.B.E., V.D., Railway Board, New Delhi; the Hon'ble Mr. Alfred Ernest Porter, C.I.E., I.C.S., Secretary to the Government of India in the Home Department; Alan Robert Cecil Westlake, C.I.E., I.C.S., Board of Revenue, Madras; Henry James Frampton, C.I.E., M.C., I.C.S., Chief Secretary to Government, United Provinces; Colonel (Honorary Brigadier) Theophilus John Ponting, C.I.E., M.C., late 1 Punjab Regiment; Arnold Whittaker, C.I.E., Assam.

K. C. I. E.

Major-General Reginald Arthur Savory, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., Adjutant-General in India, General Headquarters, New Delhi; Sir Bertie Stalg, C.S.I., I.C.S., Auditor-General of India; Sir Frederick Tymms, C.I.E., M.C., Director-General, Civil Aviation; James Birch Brown, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S., Madras; Ferdinand Blyth Wace, C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S., lately Secretary to Government, Punjab, Civil Supplies Department.

C. I. E.

Herbert Daniel Benjamin, I.C.S., Additional Secretary, Legislative Department; Lieutenant-Colonel John Ridgway Reynolds, O.B.E., War Staff, India Office; Brigadier Eric James Boughton, O.B.E., Department of Food, Government of India; Lieutenant-Colonel Compton Southgate, M.C., Commander, Bombay Sub-Area; Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Harold Wilkin, Director of Resettlement, G.H.Q.; Arthur Plumtre Faunce Hamilton, O.B.E., M.C., Inspector-General of Forests, Government of India; Terence Mostyn Collins, I.P., I.G.P., C.P. & Berar; Arthur Hugh Kemp, I.C.S., Chief Secretary to the Government of Orissa; Algernon Paul LeMesurier, I.C.S., Chief Secretary to the Government of Sind; Geoffrey Graham Drewe, O.B.E., I.C.S., Secretary to the Government of Bombay; Colonel Owen Slater, M.C., Director, Survey of India; Frederick Heap Hutchinson, Chief Engineer, U.P.; Reginald De Vere Irwin, B.A. Railway, Calcutta; Arthur Henry Wilson, O.B.E., M.A.G., Govt. (Continued on back page, Col. 1)

ALBANIA REJECTS BRITISH NOTE

LONDON, Tuesday.

ALBANIA flatly rejected Great Britain's demand of December 20 for an apology and reparations for damages and loss of life suffered when two British destroyers struck mines in the Corfu channel in October, it was learned here last night.

A voluminous Albanian reply to the 2,000 word British Note, it was learned, blames Greece for mining the channel. No further detail of the Albanian answer were obtained, but it was understood to be already in the hands of the Foreign Office here, observers here noted.

Unofficial reports stated that the question would be considered today at a meeting of the Cabinet.

The tenor of the Albanian reply was said to be such that Britain was left with no alternative but to carry out the threat made in her note of protest to place the matter before the Security Council of the United Nations.—APA.

JAN. 3 TO BE OBSERVED 'BLACK DAY' IN ASSAM

CALCUTTA, Tuesday.—In response to the call of the Assam Provincial Muslim League, the Calcutta Muslim Students' League has decided to observe January 3 as the "Black Day" as a protest against the eviction policy of the Government of Assam. All primary Muslim Students' League have been directed to observe the day by hoisting black flags on public institutions and residential buildings.—API.

CHANDPUR AREA DECLARED DISTURBED

LUCKNOW, Tuesday.—The municipal area of Chandpur in Bijpur district has been declared a disturbed area for a period of six months, says a Government Gazette Extraordinary.

FRANKFURT, Tuesday: Belgium and Luxembourg will resume frontier customs inspection of all Allied personnel under jurisdiction of United States forces in the European theatre on January 1, United States Army authorities announced yesterday.—APA.

CENTRAL GREECE IN GRIPS OF FIERCE BATTLE

BRIDGES BLOWN UP BY INSURGENT GUERRILLAS

ATHENS, Tuesday.

THE Greek Government rushed army reinforcements during the night to Central Greece where a fierce battle was raging today for Hypati, 100 miles North-west of Athens, seized by guerrillas in a daring raid yesterday.

On the Salonika-Kavala Highway, Government reports said today, 100 guerrillas including armed women ambushed 19 lorries and motor buses, getting away with goods valued at 100,000,000 drachmas. One gendarme and a woman passenger were killed and three passengers were wounded.

Nationalist reinforcements sent to Hypati last night came from Lamia, about 10 miles away, where a dusk to dawn curfew was clamped down by the military authorities. Guerrillas blew up one bridge and damaged another in an effort to delay them. Fighting at Hypati was described by the War Minister today as "a fierce battle".—Reuter.

Saar-Germany Border Restrictions Tightened up

SAARBRUCKEN, Tuesday.

FRENCH authorities tightened up the new border restriction to isolate the rich Saar mining area from the rest of Germany yesterday by forbidding prolonged absence of Saarlanders from the region and entrance of Germans into the Saar except in certain circumstances.

Under regulations Saarlanders are only permitted to go outside the enclosed region for a 72-hour period. Only Germans having relatives and friends in the Saar are allowed to enter the territory.

While the authorities said that Saarlanders would be given pass "very freely", it was added that Germans seeking to enter the Saar would have to satisfy stiff requirements.

One thousand two hundred gendarmes and customs guards patrolling the Saar-German border have, it is understood, been given orders to shoot at persons trying to cross the border illegally.—Reuter.

GREEK CLAIMS TO NORTH EPIRUS

ATHENS, Tuesday.

GREEK Premier Constantin Tsaldaris last night attributed the Security Council's decision to send an Investigation Commission to Greece to a desire for a general settlement of outstanding differences.

Addressing newspapermen at his home, the Greek Premier referred to the Greek claims to northern Epirus and said the matter would be brought up for discussion by the United Nations after the conclusion of the German and Austrian peace talks.

Regarding the question of the formation of a National Government, M. Tsaldaris said that while in America, he had neither opportunity nor time to think about it nor had the question been raised by anybody.—APA.

U. S. Government Stripped of Emergency Powers

WASHINGTON, Tuesday.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN voluntarily stripped his Government of sweeping emergency powers under 5 statutes when he formally proclaimed today "termination of the period of hostilities of World War No. 2 as from 5.00 p.m. GMT."

President Truman stressed that his proclamation does not terminate the national emergency or the state of war and in respect of both these, he will make recommendations to Congress shortly.

The President's proclamation read: "With God's help this nation and our Allies through sacrifice and devotion, courage and perseverance, wrung final and unconditional surrender from our enemies. Thereafter we, together with other United Nations, set about building a world in which justice shall replace force."

"With spirit, through faith and with a determination that there shall be no more wars of aggression calculated to enslave the peoples of the world and destroy their civilisation and with the guidance of the Almighty Providence, great gains have been made in translating a military victory into a permanent peace."

"Although a state of war exists, it is at this time possible to declare, and I find it to be in public interest to declare, that hostilities have terminated."

In the statement accompanying the proclamation, President Truman said that the move was "entirely in keeping with the policies which I have consistently followed in an effort to bring our economy and our Government back to the peace-time basis as quickly as possible."

Government powers under some 20 statutes are terminated immediately by President's proclamation and powers under other statutes will expire at the end of six months.—Reuter.

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SIND TO CELEBRATE VICTORY DAY ON JAN. 5

KARACHI, Tuesday. The Secretary, City Muslim League Karachi informs 'Dawn' that Sind Provincial Muslim League will celebrate the 'Victory Day' on January 5, which will be attended by prominent League leaders from all over India. Qaed-e-Azam M. Jinnah will address the 'Victory Day' gathering.

Entry into meeting will be by tickets and all proceeds, which estimated near about a lakh, will be sent to Qaed-e-Azam Biha Relief Fund.

Twenty-one cannon salute will be given to the Qaed-e-Azam on his arrival in the pandal and a guard of honour will be presented by land, naval and air-men.

Spanish Oilfields Strike: Situation Under Control

PORT OF SPAIN (Trinidad), Tuesday.

THE Governor today issued a proclamation banning processions and assemblies in the oilfields strike area after the police had used tear gas against demonstrators and made several arrests. The situation is reported well in hand.

One police vehicle was wrecked and two constables injured when the police forcibly dispersed demonstrators in the oilfields area. 33 arrests have been made and a number of dangerous weapons, including one loaded firearm, seized.

Tear gas grenades were used at Point-à-Pierre oilfields. The police report numerous cases of intimidation but say the situation was forerun and is fully under control.

Mr. Uriah Butler, who led the 1937 oilfields strike, called the stoppage on December 19. The oilfields workers' Union did not take part.

Last week it was reported that some of the strikers had returned to work.

A statement by the employees association said that production was proceeding in all oilfields without interruption.—Reuter.

BAN ON LEAGUE LEADER'S ENTRY INTO ASSAM VALLEY

SHILLONG, Tuesday: The President of the Provincial Muslim League, Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan, has been served with an order under Section 144 Cr. P. C. banning his entry into the western district of Assam Valley.—API.

5 More Stabbings in Bombay

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

THE Director of Publicity, Bombay, in a Press Note issued late at night says:

"Five persons were injured in stray knife-attacks which occurred in Lal Baug, Byculla, Aherpada and Dongri areas on Tuesday. Nine persons were wounded up in connection with the knife-attack in Dongri area."

"And, thrown in which one person was injured and shooting and arson of minor character were reported from Byculla, Artipada and Girgaum areas. One person was arrested for looting.—API."

'FIERCE FIGHTING' IN CHINA

SAN FRANCISCO, Tuesday.—The Chinese Communist Radio at Yenan reported last night that two brigades of Government troops had begun an attack on the southern borders of the Communist zone surrounding Yenan.

The broadcast said: "Fierce fighting is in progress."—APA.